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1. THE PREFERRED BELGIAN POSITION IS TO DEFER THE VOTE AND CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS. IF A VOTE IS FORCED, BELGIANS WILL FAVOR A PROCEDURE THAT WOULD PERMIT VOTING ON EACH ARTICLE BEFORE VOTING ON THE CHARTER AS A WHOLE. IN THIS CASE, BELGIUM WOULD VOTE AGAINST CERTAIN ARTICLES AND ABSTAIN ON THE CHARTER. IF THIS PROCEDURE WERE NOT POSSIBLE, BELGIUM WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE CHARTER.

2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF VOTING AGAINST THE CHARTER, DAVIGNON SAID THAT A NEGATIVE VOTE IN THIS CASE WOULD UNDERMINE THE TRADITIONAL BELGIAN PRACTICE OF VOTING AGAINST OFFENDING ARTICLES AND ABSTAINING ON THE
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FINAL VOTE. BELGIUM HAS CONTENDED FOR YEARS THAT THIS

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